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SUMMARY. CONTINUED UK OBJECTIONS TO LANGUAGE ALLOWING FOR EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN SENSITIVE EXERCISES PREVENTED AGREEMENT AT MAY 4 POLADS MEETING ON PAPER ON ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS. UK REP ALSO ADVISED THAT LONDON HAD PROBLEMS REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF NAVAL AND AIR MANEUVERS. US REP MADE POINT REFTEL ON USING SAME FORMAT FOR ALL ILLUSTRATIVE LISTS. ACTION REQUESTED: FOR MAY 15 MEETING, WE NEED WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE ON REVISIONS PROPOSED BY UK AND ON EXTENT TO WHICH WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BRING OUR ILLUSTRATIVE LIST INTO CONFORMITY WITH THAT TABLED BY UK. END SUMMARY.

1. OPENING DISCUSSION, UK REP REITERATED LONDON'S OPPOSITION TO BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN THIRD TICK, PARA FOUR OF CONFIDENTIAL

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IS PAPER (USNATO 2006). UK REP SAID LONDON FOUND IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT ALLIES COULD KEEP SECRET MANEUVERS OR MOVEMENTS INVOLVING AT LEAST ONE DIVISION (THE INFORMAL YARDSTICK MENTIONED IN PARA 9). FAILURE TO NOTIFY SUCH

MOVEMENTS AND MANEUVERS, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE DESTABILIZING EFFECT. UK REP ALSO ADVISED THAT LONDON HAD NO CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT NOTIFICATION OTHER ALLIES HAD IN MIND FOR PURE NAVAL AND AIR MANEUVERSAID I HAD SEEN ONLY ONE DURING SAME PERIOD-- WAKHWEYA.) NKUNDWA WAS SURPRISED THAT OBOTH- OFUMBI, WHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY CLOSEST OF ALL TO AMIN, HAS COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW.

4. NKUNDWA THOUGHT DEFECTION OF AMB. BARIGYE AND HIS PARTING BLAST AT AMIN REGIME ARE FOUND TO HAVE IMPACT, FOR BARIGYE IS MAN OF "STATURE" AND "WEIGHT", MEMBER OF ANKOLE ROYAL FAMILY, AND INFLUENTIAL POLITICALLY. ACCORDING NKUNDWA, MOST UGANDANS HE KNOWS ARE STILL OVERWHELMED BY FEAR OF ARMY AND THREAT OF "ARRANGED DISAPPEARANCES," WHICH NKUNDWA SAYS CONTINUE TO OCCUR. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT AMIN HIMSELF ORIGINALLY ORDERED ELIMINATION OF SOME MEMBERS OF ELITE HE CONSIDERED THREATS TO HIS CONTINUANCE IN POWER, BUT THEN ARMY COHORTS TOOK OVER AND GREATLY EXPANDED PROGRAM OF REPRESSION, WHICH HAS NOW GONE FAR BEYOND CONTROL OF AMIN OR ANYONE ELSE.

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